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JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND UGANDA ON COOPERATION IN MIGRATION MATTERS, 10-13 MARCH, 2024, THE HAGUE

1. At the invitation of the Director General for Repatriation and Departure Services, Ministry of Justice and Security of the Netherlands, a delegation led by Hon. Bagiire Vincent Waiswa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda visited the Netherlands and held a bilateral meeting on cooperation in migration matters from 10 to 13 March, 2024 in The Hague.
2. The Uganda team was composed of senior officials from the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the Uganda Embassy accredited to the Netherlands with residence in Brussels. The Netherlands team was led by Mr. R Van Bokhoven, Director International Affairs of the Repatriation and Departure Services (R&DS) and included senior officials from R&DS.
3. The visit to the Netherlands was a follow up to the earlier similar official visit undertaken to Uganda in September, 2023 by the delegation from Repatriation and Departure Services of the Netherlands.
4. The two teams had cordial and fruitful discussions on matters of common interest, and particularly, on issues related to the fight against irregular migration and human trafficking; and how to



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facilitate each other's work in realizing the mandate of the respective agencies and departments concerned with these questions.

5. The two teams confirmed the intention to strengthen the cooperation with a view of elaborating and concluding a cooperation framework that support the mandates of each other and foster solid bonds of friendship for the benefit of their respective peoples.
6. The Uganda side extended its appreciation to the Department of Repatriation and Departure Services of the Netherlands for putting in place facilities for the warm reception of the delegation since its arrival in the Hague and successful conduct of the bilateral meeting.

Done on this 13th Day of March, 2024 at the Hague.

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Bagire Vincent Waiswa
Head of Delegation – Uganda

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